REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The present application contains claims 5-8 and 17-18.

Claims 1-4, 16, 19 and 20 have been cancelled without prejudice to Applicant to expedite the prosecution of the present application.

The Abstract, pages 5 and 6 of the specification and claims 5 and 7 have been amended in the manner proposed by the Examiner. Claim 2 has been cancelled and hence requires no amendment.

The rejection of claims 1-4, 9-16 and 19 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph is most since these claims have been cancelled without prejudice to Applicant to expedite the prosecution of the present application.

The rejection of claims 1 and 20 under 35 U.S.C § 112, second paragraph is most since these claims have been cancelled and is traversed regarding claims 17 and 18 which have been amended to depend from claim 5 and to thereby provide proper antecedent basis.

In view of the fact that claims 5-8 comply with § 112, these claims are now in allowable form. Claims 17 and 18 depend from claim 5 and hence are also deemed allowable.

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Conclusion

If the Examiner believes that any additional minor formal matters need to be addressed in order to place this application in condition for allowance, or that a telephone interview will help to materially advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone at the Examiner's convenience.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of claims 5-8, 17 and 18 is respectfully requested. Favorable action is awaited.

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